

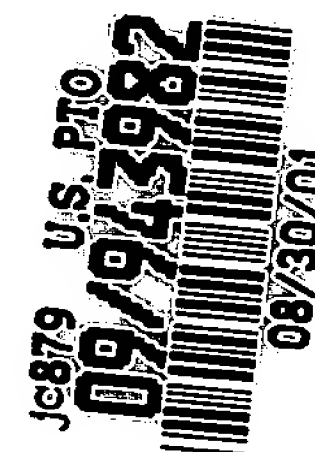
"Express Mail" Label No. EL670654743US
Date of Deposit August 30, 2001

PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: 16869P-031600US
Client Reference No.: 340001950US1

I hereby certify that this is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Address" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

By: _____



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hiroshi Arakawa, et al.

Application No.:

Filed: Herewith

For: Backup Processing Method

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: Unassigned

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this statement, since it is being submitted prior to the first Office Action. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

Hiroshi Arakawa, et al.
Application No.:
Page 7

PATENT

Respectfully submitted,



Robert C. Colwell
Reg. No. 27,431

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP
Two Embarcadero Center, 8th Floor
San Francisco, California 94111-3834
Tel: 650-326-2400
Fax: 650-326-2422
RCC:mks

PA 3167140 v1



#3
C. Bauer

0)
31
5

er.

**Complete if Known**

J4879 U.S. PTO
09/243982
08/30/01

Application Number

Filing Date**First Named inventor**

Arakawa, Hiroshi

Group Art Unit

Examiner Name _____

Attorney Docket Number

16869P-031600US

[illegible][illegible]

**Examiner
Signature**

Date Considered

+

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.**

PA 3167141 v1